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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: STATUS OF PF AT OAU MEETING

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1. ACTING BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS AND DCM WYMAN MADE A DEMARCHE IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTEL JULY 12 TO VICTOR TAYLOR, ACTING DIRECTOR

OF MEA'S AFRICA DEPARTMENT. A TEXT OF THE TALKING POINTS WAS DELIVERED WITH A REQUEST THAT IT BE PASSED TO THE HEAD OF STATE AND TO COMMISIONER GARBA.

2. PRINCIPAL POINT MADE BY TAYLOR WAS THAT, WITH EACH PASSING WEEK THAT SEES NO VISIBLE PROGRESS TOWARDS THE HOLDING OF AN ALL-PARTIES CONFERENCE, IT BECOMES MORE DIFFICULT FOR AFRICAN COUNTRIES LIKE NIGERIA TO COPE WITH THE CRITICISM OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES WHO DERIDE THE CONCEPT OF SUCH A CONFERENCE AND CALL FOR TOTAL SUPPORT OF THE CONFIDENTIAL

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PATRIOTIC FRONT IN A POLITICAL AS WELL
AS A MILITARY SENSE. ALTHOUGH TAYLOR, WILLIAMS AND WYMAN HAD
ALL HEARD RADIO REPORTS FROM KHARTOUM THIS MORNING SUGGESTING THAT
THE OAU COUNCIL OK MINISTERS HAD THUS FAR BACKED THE CONCEPT OF
AN ALL-PARTIES CONFERENCE, TAYLOR WARNED THAT SOME AFRICAN
GOVERNMENTS WOULD CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR A RADICAL OAU RESOLUTION
ON THE SUBJECT AND THAT THERE WAS SOME DANGER THEY MIGHT

SUCCEED DURING THE SUMMIT MEETING. HE THOUGHT THERE WAS LITTLE
CHANCE, HOWEVER, THAT EITHER THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OR THE SUMMIT
MEETING WOULD SPECIFICALLY RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF INCLUDING
THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT LEADERS IN AN EVENTUAL GOVERNMENT OF
ZIMBABWE.

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